



Aughton & Ormskirk U3A GARDENING GROUP NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2016

Welcome to this the sixth of the Gardening Groups newsletters which we hope you will find of interest.

All meetings start at 2pm in the Scout & Guide HQ. Full details of all meetings can be seen on the U3A website at <http://aughton-ormskirk-u3a.co.uk/groups/gardening-group/>

NO MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS OF AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER

If the Gardening Group is to continue we need at least two members to volunteer to play an active role in helping to organise the monthly meetings and book speakers for those meetings. We have now spent six months asking for help and so far have not succeeded in having anyone agree to help organise the meetings.

If you want the Gardening Group to continue please offer to assist. If no one volunteers to play an active role by 21st August the Gardening Group will cease to exist and no further monthly meetings will be held.

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Flower Propagation in August

Pinks and carnations can be propagated by layering. Propagate irises by dividing the rhizomes if not done last month.

Propagate perennials by dividing once they have finished flowering, but only in areas with some rain and duller weather, to avoid drying out problems.

Take cuttings of tender perennials such as Pelargonium and Osteospermum, as soon as possible. A greenhouse, cool conservatory or a light windowsill are ideal to bring them on until they are established.

Rock garden plants, such as Helianthemum, Aubrietia and Dianthus can be propagated from cuttings at this time of year.



Seed: collecting and storing

Growing plants from seed is generally straightforward and inexpensive. It is an opportunity to increase the number of plants in your garden for free.

Full details of how to collect and store your seeds can be found on the Royal Horticultural Society website at:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?PID=675>



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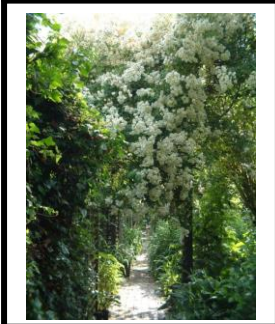
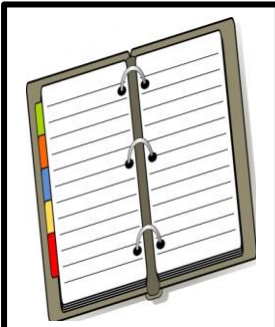


If Everton were playing down the bottom of my garden I'd draw the curtains

Bill Shankly



- Garden Jobs for August**
- 1) Prune Wisteria
 - 2) Collect seeds from garden plants
 - 3) Continue to tie in and train new growth on climbing plants.
 - 4) Keep ponds and water features topped up
 - 5) Prune climbing roses and rambling roses once they've finished flowering (unless they are repeat-flowerers in which case leave them).



AUGUST DIARY DATE

NGS GARDEN OPEN FOR CHARITY
The Ridges, Weavers Brow (cont. of Cowling Rd) Limbrick, Chorley, Lancashire PR6 9EB

Monday 29 August (11am - 5pm). Admission £4.00, children free. Home-made teas.

3 acres, including old walled orchard garden, cottage-style herbaceous borders, and perfumed rambling roses through the trees Arch leads to formal lawn, surrounded by natural woodland, shrub borders and trees with contrasting foliage. Woodland walks and dell. Natural looking stream, wildlife ponds. Walled water feature with Italian influence.

SOUTHPORT FLOWER SHOW

18th – 21st August